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Mr. O. D. Blucher Replies to "The Eye that Sees"

Communication Answers Letter of Last Week Which Objected to Certain Styles of Dress Affected by Students Here.

Last week this paper carried a communication from a person who signed himself, "The Eye That Sees," in which "The Eye" criticized the manner of dress of a number of students of the College. The habit of wearing O. D. shirts and blucher shoes received a decided rap in this communication, and the person who wrote it aired his views on all manner of things sartorial.

And this week comes a reply. There were several replies, in fact, but one, signed "O. D. Blucher" seems to answer "The Eye" better than all others.

It follows:

A REPLY

There is nothing more misleading in the realm of criticism than a half truth. The situation pictured by our friend who calls himself "The Eye That Sees" exists but it does not assume the proportion nor the significance that he attaches to it. We challenge the argument that success in life depends primarily on "dress and address." What provision is made for the potent undefinable element, personality which made a president out of the rustic Abraham Lincoln? What place is accorded in his scheme to genuine achievement, that earned the deformed but brilliant Steinmetz a niche in Progress' Hall of Fame? Was it personal appearance that saved Socrates from oblivion? Let us also remember the majority of students might be better able to comply with the aesthetic demands of the critic if they had the privilege of loafing with the cream of society instead of being forced to labor and by that means procure those prosaic necessities of life, Food and Shelter.

Many a human hoax has clothed himself in the smartest raiment. Many a glittering piece of glass is set in a gaudy ring. The nut behind the wheel is the weakest part of most expensive automobiles, etc. ad infinitum.

The best dressed man in New York gained this distinction after he had acquired fame as a writer. The distinction came with the leisure that success brought him, and the opportunity to devote more time to the development of the minor details.

There is a class of collegiate Beau Brummels who have added nothing to the intellect of the colleges but who are directly responsible for the greatest problems of student management that the authorities have to cope with. They are devotees of the exotic and look upon the period to be spent in college as a good place for a four year loaf. Their object is to look with apparent disgust at the essentials of education and it is they who embrace with rapture all theories that the appearance is the thing. Happiness comes to them only as it can be associated with complete irresponsibility.

If we could interpret the article of the previous issue as a plea for greater pride in personal appearance, or as a kindly reminder that these things do undoubtedly work for success, we would extend our thanks. But it goes much further expounding an unwholesome philosophy of life and preaching an evident disregard for ability and achievement. Granted that a first impression might aid greatly in obtaining a position, nothing will give you success in the industrial or professional world save the production of results anything less than this would mean utter failure. Eventually the fourflusher is replaced by the individual who is prepared to render a definite service, willingly. The supercilious person is thrown on the human junk heap. If the students at Maryville will devote themselves to a conscientious preparation for the work that they have chosen, then the friends of the college have not labored in vain even though they do pursue their courses attired in comfortable unconventional garb.

What ideal does "The Eye That Sees" cherish for this, his school? Does an intellectual atmosphere come only from close association with persons whose minds have never been sullied with such problems as board and room? Or whose forehead has never been damp with the perspiration of honest toil? Has he adopted the educational ideals of the Chinese scholastics? When in the United States have we decided that the O. D. shirt is the sign of eter-

Whiffen Is Preparing His Course of Study

Industrial Arts Teacher Asks Prospective Students to Write Concerning Subjects Which They Want.

Mr. Whiffen, teacher of industrial arts at the College, is preparing his courses for the summer quarter. He has asked that all persons who plan to take work in the industrial arts department write and tell him what courses they wish to take. This will enable him to prepare his schedule so that the majority of students will be allowed to take the courses they wish.

Tourney Ruling Lets St. Joseph in State Meet

Elimination Tournament to Be Held Between City's Schools—Other Class A Teams Will Play in Maryville.

A settlement, rejecting the proposal to hold the Class A Northwest Missouri High School basketball tournament in St. Joseph, has been made by the board of control of the Missouri High School Athletic Association. The Class A tournament will be held in Maryville as usual, but the St. Joseph high schools will participate in an elimination tourney all their own, as in the past, and the winner will be sent to the state meeting in Columbia.

Some time ago the board of control met and made new rulings concerning the state tournament. It was decided to certify two teams from tournaments to be held in each of the five state teachers-college districts, Kansas City and St. Louis, and the district of the Rolla School of Mines. This eliminated the St. Joseph entry and forced teams from that city to compete in the Northwest Missouri tournament at Maryville.

There was much discussion on the matter, and David W. Hopkins, vice-principal of the St. Joseph Central High School, suggested that the Class A Northwest tournament be held in that city instead of Maryville.

But One From Rolla

The board of control ruled at a meeting last Saturday afternoon in Columbia that but one team would be certified from the Rolla district, which is a small one, and that the winner of the St. Joseph city tournament would be certified to the state tourney. This city meet will be held on March 5. Since there are five schools to compete, including Christian Brothers College, a Catholic institution, the two weakest teams in the city will play for the privilege of entering the city tournament.

The tournament in Maryville will be held on March 10-12. Entry blanks have already been mailed out for this tournament, and two schools have already certified their lists of players. Regardless of the number of schools entered in the tournament, the sixteen with the greatest enrollments will be placed in Class A, and the others will be in Class B. The College will give a trophy to the winner in each class. The two class champions will play for the grand championship of the tournament, and a trophy cup will be given the winner of this game by H. L. Raines, Maryville jeweler.

Suggested by the College

The champion of each class will be certified to the state tournament, and half of the expenses of each team will be paid by the College.

The suggestion that St. Joseph be allowed to certify its city champion for the state tournament came from the College, after a study was made of the situation from all angles, but the action of the board of control likely followed a desire to follow educational lines in the districting of the state.

The Missouri State Teachers Association divides Missouri into eight districts, and the board of control merely decided to respect those districts, and allow teams to be certified from each of them.

In case neither of the class champions is unable to represent Northwest Missouri in the state tournament, the winner of the consolation finals will be invited to take part.

And blighting ignorance? Sartorial splendor is an absurd standard or prerequisite for education.

Colleges are justified in making vigorous demands upon the mental powers of the students perhaps in this they have been too lenient in the past. However they should resent any effort that

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Bearcats Down Hillyards In a 35 to 31 Thrillfest

National Champions Unable to Cope with Youthful Determination, and Maryville Team Holds Lead Gained in First Half--Game an All-Time Sensation.

GREEN AND WHITE ON PAR WITH THE BEST

Even as many stories improve with the telling, so has Bearcat basketball stock been boosted in mad leaps and bounds since last Friday night when the Maryville team downed the Hillyards of St. Joseph, national champions. Time and again has the story of that victory been told; and time and again has it been retold, and with each telling it has become all the more sweet, until Maryville is now reveling in the glorious ecstasy of it.

Thirty-five to thirty-one was the score, but one could not multiply thirty-five by thirty-one and come within one-tenth of the number of hearts made joyous by the thrilling shots and air-tight defense which turned back the national title holders and placed Maryville basketball on par with the best in the country.

Where is the man who once wrote that Maryville basketball is below par, and what must he be thinking now? For the victory last Friday night was as clear-cut as one as has ever been won by any basketball team, and the Hillyards could say nothing other than the best team won.

Maryville basketball has reached a peak far above any hitherto anticipated. For four years the Bearcats have been meeting the Hillyards. Each year both teams have improved. Last year, after winning from the Green and White by six points, the Hillyards went to the national tournament and captured the crown of basketballdom.

And this year the Bearcats downed the champions. What angle of the story has not been told? Where may one search for some little incident which has not been recounted numberless times? What can be said of the game which has not already been so indelibly impressed on the memory of those who have told and those who have listened?

It is impossible to find a new place to begin; to find a new angle from which to tell the story. But there is no one who is unwilling to listen to the story all over again. So here it is:

WOLF PRAISES TEAM

"If you are ever defeated, it will be by yourselves," was the comment of John Wolf, manager of the Hillyards, to the Bearcats after the game Friday night. "You have a fine young team, and you have only to combat the curse of over-confidence."

Following the game, several of the Hillyard players congratulated members of the Bearcat team and Coach Lawrence. All were free in their opinion that the College has one of the best teams which they have met and all voiced the belief that the Bearcats will have a successful season unless they become over-confident.

Once upon a time—Friday night, to be exact—the Hillyards came to Maryville to defend their title of champions of the world and everywhere else in basketball. It was a dreary night, and the thousand and more fans who thronged to the College gymnasium did so through a fog about as thick as New York cheese. But it was a happy crowd—a crowd which came to boost for a team of youngsters who were scheduled to give the champions a great battle, but who weren't exactly "doped" to win.

Advertised as Feature

The game was advertised as the feature of the season, and the followers of the Bearcat team predicted that the Green and White would fight to the last man. The crowd came to see just how well the College boys could hold the Hillyard team. The most adventuresome of fans said that if the champions won by two or three points it would be a vindication for the Bearcats.

Because it was the feature game of the season, the College authorities selected E. C. Quigley, dean of American officials, to referee. (Oh boy, but that was a wise selection, for no one can say that the game was not all it should have been.)

It was a long old hour from 7 to 8 o'clock Friday night, but finally the referee blew his whistle and the two teams lined up for the first play of the game.

Interest Grew and Grew

And with this first play of the game came the interest which grew and grew. Those who were skeptical became convinced. Those who were convinced became fanatical. It was evident from the start that the Bearcats were not going to let the fact that the Hillyards held the national title worry them to any appreciable extent.

While the Hillyards were smiling and perhaps thinking of the trimming in store for the youngsters, these youngsters were studying the situation and planning the offense which was later to win the game for them.

The game was on. Forrest DeBernardi, the world's greatest basketball player, was at center for the Hillyards. Opposite him was Paul Burks, six feet and a little more of youthful determination. DeBernardi smiled. Burks smiled. One smile said, "You look just about like all the other centers I have conquered," and the other smile said, "You don't look so bad to me, big boy."

Couldn't Bluff Bearcats

And that's about the way it was with the rest of the Bearcat team. The Maryville lads just wouldn't be bluffed, and they realized that no matter how great the reputations of their opponents, there was one thing in which the champions did not have the edge—youth.

Youth battled age and experience, and, as always, youth won. The Hillyards scored first, and at the end of five or six minutes were leading by about four points. Enough to make some teams lie down and quit! But the Bearcats didn't think of the score, and kept on plugging.

The going was swift, and soon the champions gave evidence of weariness and made an effort to slow down the pace. This was the thing for which the Bearcats had waited, and instead of allowing to be slowed down, they quickened the pace.

Maryville Lead Grows

The Maryville score mounted more rapidly, and before long the Bearcats spurred and took the lead. And they held it. At one time in the first half they led, 20 to 15, but the champions scored two long baskets, and the period ended with but one point separating the teams.

Both teams left the floor panting, to return in ten minutes and resume the fray. It was then that the Bearcat offense functioned to the height of perfection and the score was run to 28 to 10. But the lead was short-lived, and a sensational scoring drive on the part of the Hillyards brought the two scores again to within one point of each other.

The crowd had long since lost all sense of reason or equilibrium. It had gone wild, and then wilder. No one was seated; everyone was tense. But two minutes of play remained.

Ungles Makes Free Throw

Ungles, Maryville forward, and DeBernardi fought for the ball in mid-court, and the Maryville player outsmarted the all-American. The crowd shouted its approval, and DeBernardi fouled his smaller opponent. It was a quick foul, but Referee Quigley caught it. And Ungles made the free throw.

Still it was possible for the visitors to win, and they realized it. They fought as demons fight. The Maryville players toyed with the ball in their half of the court, and the Hillyards broke defense and went after the leather.

IT DIDN'T MATTER "The boys won the game because they went into it with the determination to win, and they didn't waver in that determination for one minute," was the comment of Coach Lawrence afterward. "I told the boys to go in and play their best. I told them to give all they had. And they did. If they had been beaten, it would have made no difference to me, for they played the game just as hard as they could, and no coach could ask for more. It was one of the supreme moments of my life when the game ended and we had won, but, win or lose, it didn't matter one bit."

It was man for man, and all ten players were under the Hillyard basket. Then Captain Joy got the ball and passed to Ungles. The ball was batted back, and Joy dribbled and shot from afar. The ball hit the rim and bounded off, but Burks came in fast for the rebound play which added the final two points of the game. Soon afterward the game ended.

But that doesn't tell half of the tale. It doesn't tell how Burks made eighteen points, more than half of them on rebound shots. It doesn't tell of the heady playing of Ungles, the Maryville defensive star. It doesn't tell how Ungles rolled the ball through DeBernardi's legs, to Hedges, who shot a field goal over the red-head's outstretched arms.

And it doesn't tell how Red Berst battled under his own goal, to play the best game of his career.

To have appreciated the game, one must have seen it. As "Long John" Wolf, Hillyard manager, said, "Youth will not be denied." John, who regularly plays center for the Hillyards, watched the game from the sidelines with an injured ankle.

Maryville had everything to win and nothing to lose in this game. The Bearcats were coached to believe they could win, and win they did.

And to Coach Lawrence should go the thanks of everyone. It was but one more feather in his cap as a coach, but certainly his part in the victory was a great one. No matter how good the material, it takes expert coaching to bring it out. And Coach Lawrence turned the trick.

Perhaps examination time will come soon enough to bring another subject to the minds of the College students. Certainly something will have to replace this game in their thoughts, for nothing in the history of the school has ever made such a topic of conversation.

But then, how many times in a lifetime does a small college team trim a national champion and send him home knowing that he was beaten fairly and squarely?

President Lamkin Is Now on Control Board

Will Represent State Teachers Colleges on Governing Body of State High School Association.

President Lamkin has been named a member of the board of control of the Missouri High School Athletic Association. Mr. Lamkin will represent the state teachers college of Missouri in an advisory capacity. He formerly was a member of the control board, but Dr. Eugene Fair, president of the Kirksville State Teachers College has been the member this year. Dr. Fair asked to be allowed to resign, and Mr. Lamkin was again named for the office by the other college presidents.

Marionettes to Give Two Plays On February 18

"Uncle Wiggly at the Circus" and "Huckleberry Finn" to Be Given in Auditorium by the Jean Gros Company.

Jean Gros and his French Marionettes will give two major performances in the College auditorium on Friday, February 18. This is one of the outstanding attractions listed as major entertainment for this year, as Jean Gros is without peer in the field of puppetry.

The Marionettes will give as the entertainment Friday afternoon "Uncle Wiggly at the Circus," and at night the attraction will be "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

A puppet performance will be a new thing in the way of major entertainments at the College. While the institution has brought the country's best in music, literature, art, and drama for performances here, there has never been a marionette program.

A Large Company

The company which gives the marionette performances is a large one. The miniature figures are operated by strings, and a well-trained group of persons is necessary to manipulate them properly.

Persons who have not seen marionettes in action will truly have a treat in store for them, and Friday's attractions should be among the best ever brought to Maryville. Jean Gros himself is a noted figure, and his puppets are quite lifelike in their activities on the stage.

Newspaper reports from all over the country have given Mr. Gros a tremendous ovation. He is now on a tour of national scope, and the College administration considers itself fortunate in being able to secure him for two performances here.

Carry Much Equipment

The company which presents the marionettes carries several large trunks of equipment. Several hours of assembling are necessary before it is possible to give the performances.

Those who have seen the two programs which will be given in Maryville say that they excel any previous marionette offerings. "Uncle Wiggly" is an animal performance, while "Huckleberry Finn" is a portrayal of the famous work by Mark Twain.

A minor activity coupon will admit students to the afternoon performance of the marionettes, and two minor coupons or one major coupon will be good for the night attraction.

Persons having season tickets to the Winter Artists Course and Spring Music Festival will find them good for the Jean Gros attractions.

Social Science Club in Business Meeting

Thursday, February 2, the Social Science Club held a short business session. The following committees were appointed by the president. Committee on Nominations, Mr. John King, Mr. Beavers and Miss Bostwick; Committee on Membership, Miss Florence Sent, Mr. Clarence Bush, and Mr. Wright. In view of the fact that there is no constitution or by-laws, a Constitution and Rules Committee was formed to submit a code that would authorize the practices that have grown up within the organization that have facilitated the transactions of business, and to propose any new legislation.

The Social Science Club is sponsoring a moving picture "Hell and the Way Out," dealing with the war problem.

Bearcats Off to Play a Trio of M.I.A.A. Games

Play by Play of Tilts at Cape Girardeau and Kirksville to Be Received at Maryville Courthouse Through Electrocourt.

M. I. A. A. Standings

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts. Op.
Maryville	2	0	1.000	84 45
Warrensburg	4	2	.666	185 184
Kirksville	3	4	.429	181 201
Springfield	3	4	.429	201 213
Cape Girardeau	1	3	.250	114 123

The College Bearcats are now on the road for the first time since the opening of the conference season. Coach Lawrence left Maryville last night for Cape Girardeau, where the green and white will engage the Indians tonight.

This game will mark the first of a series of conference tilts which will keep the Bearcats busy throughout the rest of the month. On Friday and Saturday nights Coach Lawrence's men will play at Kirksville, and then they will hurry home for three games here next week. On Tuesday and Wednesday they will play Cape here, and on Thursday the Warrensburg Mules will come to Maryville for a game.

Coach Lawrence took the following men on the trip with him: Captain Joy, Berst, Hedges, Burks, Ungles, Connors, Ferguson and Grane. The rest of the squad will go to Bethany Thursday night for a game with the Bethany Junior College team. It is possible that two or three additional players will then be forwarded to Kirksville for the games there.

To Get Reports Here

The conference games away from home this year will be received at the courthouse in Maryville while they are being played. By means of an electric scoreboard, owned by Coach Jones and Mr. Mapel, all plays of the away-from-home games will be given to followers of the team within a few seconds after they have transpired on the foreign courts.

The Electrocourt as the scoreboard is called, will be used for the first time on the Cape game tonight. The playing of the game will start in Maryville at 8 o'clock, and it should be over within an hour.

The conference percentage standings have been altered materially since the Bearcats were in action last. Although Cape Girardeau has been idle, Kirksville, Springfield, and Warrensburg have been playing, and none of those teams has come out with a clean slate. Consequently, they have been cutting one another's throats, and as a result, it seems that Warrensburg is the only team outside of Maryville which has much of a chance at Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors.

Mules in Second Place

The Mules have won four games and lost two, while all other teams have lost three or more games. Maryville, of course, has lost no games, and consequently has a decided edge.

While the Bearcats are playing at Kirksville Friday night, Springfield will be meeting Warrensburg at Warrensburg. Followers of the Maryville team are hoping that the Springfield team will win this game.

Warrensburg is the only team other than Maryville which has scored more points than have been tallied by opponents. The Mules have totaled 185 points, while opposing teams have made 184.

Kirksville and Springfield have played seven games each, and the latter team leads the conference in scoring, with 201 points. However, opposing teams to Springfield have scored 213 points.

A comparison of scores shows that the Maryville team is by far the best in the conference on paper. The Bearcats have averaged scoring 42 points to the game and have been scored on for an average of 22½ points to the game.

Warrensburg is next with an average of 31 on both offense and defense. Kirksville averages 26 points on the offense and 29 on the defense, and Springfield has scored an average of 21 points and has been scored on for an average of 31 points.

Cape Girardeau has a plus average of 28½ and a minus of 31 points.

The picture comes highly recommended, from the schools where it has been shown. It will be given in the auditorium of the College on Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 P. M. It is the type of picture that is at once educational and interesting. The admission will be 25 cents or a minor coupon.

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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will revere and obey the College laws and do our best to inculcate a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

OVERALLS, YOU BET!

A communication denouncing the attire of some students of this College was printed in last week's paper. It did everything but blaspheme certain students because they wear olive drab shirts and thick-soled shoes. And the writer went even so far as to mention the style of haircuts affected by some.

All of which is more or less a reflection on the writer of the article. Either he, or she, is suffering from an overdose of the ego, or he, or she, is troubled with that complex which says, "I'm better than you are."

About the best thing which can be said of a person's dress is that it is neat and tidy. The world will much sooner recognize a person with an old suit neatly pressed than a person who dresses in expensive duds and doesn't keep them in nice shape.

There are some students in every school in the world who are making a great sacrifice to get an education. These students are usually the ones who make honorary scholastic societies, who lead in debating, and who are the thinkers of the institution. They usually act as a sedative for a scholastic stomach stuffed with too much of the dude-and-dandy trash.

It is quite natural that a person is more prone to spend some other person's money more freely than he would spend his own. The student who attends college on an unlimited expense account doubtless will buy five times as many clothes as the person who is spending his money. But he won't take one-fifth the care of them.

No siree, the person who wrote that article was right only to the extent that some students are careless and dress carelessly. These deserve censure. But the boy who wears an O. D. shirt and thick-soled shoes, or the girl who wears a gingham dress because he or she can make ends meet easier by so doing, deserves nothing but commendation.

This school might be better off if some of the dandies were made to realize how many cents there are in a dollar, and as for the student who is making an honest effort to go through school on a limited supply of money—let him wear overalls if he wants to. He's far more respectable anyhow.

AND MARYVILLE BEAT THE HILLYARDS

It has truly been said that the three most joyful words in the world are, "Maryville Beat Hillyards." It is no small feat for a small college to produce a basketball team which can take the national champions into camp, and Maryville truly has a right to be proud of her Bearcats and of her Bearcat coach.

The game last Friday night witnessed a battle between youth and age; between years of experience and the determination to win in spite of all odds. And youth and determination won over age and experience.

Without casting discredit on the Hillyards, it is certainly appropriate to point out the fact that condition played a great factor in the victory over the national champions. The Maryville players were at their best physically. They were in training and they had been in training for some time. On the other hand, the Hillyards were perhaps not in the best of condition. They make no bones about the fact that their training regulations are lax. One of the best players on the team came to Maryville with several cigars protruding from a vest pocket, and the man who holds the honorary title of the world's best basketball player spends a good share of his time in the Robidoux Hotel lobby in St. Joseph with a cigarette between his lips.

But, as has been said, they make no bones about it. All that "Pop" Hillyard requires is that they go into a game and win. But the laxity of training tells in a game such as was played in Maryville last Friday night, and the Hillyards were plainly out of breath on numerous occasions.

And another thing—the Maryville team had nothing to lose and everything to win, while their opponents rather looked upon the game as a practice affair. One of them remarked in St. Joseph that the team was going to Maryville for a little practice game.

The Hillyards were playing more or less just to be playing, and the Bearcats were playing to win. And win they did. They were playing for themselves, their coach, and their school. And the school and coach came first. That had a great deal to do with it.

But the whole secret of it all is that the Bearcats carried the fight every inch of the way. They would not let down, and they would not let the Hillyards let down. When the game was over, both teams were tired, but everybody got his money's worth, and everybody had a good time.

And the Hillyards could do nothing other than admit that the best team won.

So that's that. And the Bearcats are looking for more worlds to conquer.

High School Notes

Amity School Notes

On March 6th, the school is going to present the movie "Abraham Lincoln." Also on that evening the prize winning essay on the "Life and Character of Lincoln" will be read and the winner will be presented with a bronze medal, given by the Illinois Watch Co.

Ercia Morgan has been absent several days this week.

The losing teams on the Curtis Contest had planned a party for the winners Thursday evening, but owing to the death of Mrs. Hawman, postponed it until sometime next week.

Doyle McCartney was absent from school Monday.

The high school has been studying a current event paper every Friday since Christmas vacation. They have learned some interesting things about what is going on in the world.

The Senior Class has selected their invitations and cards.

Amity High School was defeated in a debate by Gallatin, Tuesday evening. The debate was on the World Court Question. Amity had the affirmative side of the question. The decision was two to one in favor of the negative. The Amity debaters were Hannah Reipe and Cecil Hayes. Both teams put up an excellent argument. This was the first time either of our teams had ever debated and they did excellent. Our negative team, George Thomas Riggs and Irene Matter, was victorious in a debate with Maysville, January 18th.

The Sophomore class put on a short program last Friday.

The English Literature class has been studying the classic, "American Short Stories." Most of the class like the book but some prefer magazine fiction.

Ravanna High School

Ravanna High School has been consolidated only since 1921. The first year it was approved on the second class high school list, but since that time it has been a first class high school. Six hacks furnish transportation night and morning for 60 per cent of the pupils. The present enrollment is 201, of whom 65 are high school pupils. The Seniors number 24.

Public School Music has this year been added to the curriculum of the elementary grades. The portable Victrola with its library of records is thoroughly useful, not only in Music Appreciation classes and rhythm drills, but also in the Physical Education classes. A twenty volume set of "The Book of Knowledge" has been added to the library, with a fully equipped globe accompanying it; and the following pictures have been purchased: The Aurora, The Angelus, Pilgrims Going to Church, The Parthenon, Sir Galahad, Stratford-on-Avon, End of Day, Song of the Lark, Can't You Talk, and Shoeing the Horse.

The Seniors have entered the Lincoln Essay contest, sponsored by the Springfield Watch Company. This is the first year Ravanna has participated in this contest; the winner will be announced and the medal awarded at a Lincoln-Washington Program to be presented in the high school auditorium on Friday, February 18. The program will be furnished by pupils of both grade and high school, and will be open to the public.

By the use of the two Bulletin Boards in the study hall, one for the history and social science department and one for the English department, the high

school has kept in close touch with the current events pertaining to these courses. Much commendable interest has been shown in this work; perhaps we often neglect such current information for less practical knowledge from text books.

The English classes have gained much valuable drill in the essentials of Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar, by entering the English Essentials Contest sent out from the University of Minnesota. The following class averages were made on the first of the three tests: Seniors, 94; Juniors, 90; Sophomores, 92; Freshmen, 93. These pupils handed in perfect test sheets: Dorothy Laws, senior; and Violet Summers and Nelle Martin, Sophomores.

Although our basketball season to date has not all been on the "win" column, we feel as if we had received our share of the laurels. The following games have been played.

Ravanna Girls

26	Powersville	8
12	Spickard	24
38	Mercer	0
6	Spickard	15
29	Mercer	5
16	Harris	16
23	Powersville	11
37	Harris	17
40	Mercer	10
14	Princeton	14
19	Newton	24

Ravanna Boys

10	Powersville	6
10	Spickard	13
20	Mercer	10
32	Spickard	3
26	Mercer	13
14	Harris	23
13	Powersville	18
20	Harris	11
12	Mercer	27
17	Princeton	9
20	Newton	15

Jameson High School

The Fashion Show given by the Home Economic department at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association, Friday night, was a unique program, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The girls acted as models in portraying the evolution of styles in dress. It was interesting to note the change in the styles from the year 1600, on up to the present year, of 1927. In a great many respects the styles of dress today are, without doubt, more sensible and practical. The program committee is planning another attractive program for the February meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association.

The annual contest in oratory and music will be held in the school auditorium next Friday evening, February 11th, at 7:45 o'clock.

This year we are entering a mixed quartette and chorus as well as piano and violin numbers. There will be an admission of ten and twenty cents for children and adults. The proceeds will be used as a benefit for the Parent-Teacher's Association.

The association was unfortunate last year in losing all its money in the Jameson bank, and we feel that it is only an act of justice to help so worthy an organization as this get on its feet financially again.

The eighth grade is busy practicing on the play they will present to the public at the Jameson theatre on the evening of February 18th. There will be only a small admission charged for this.

Union Star High School

The operetta given January 27, 1927 by the Union Star High School was thought, by the people of Union Star, to have been the best operetta given by the school.

The characters were all well chosen

and each did his part well. This was due to the good training by Miss Wilkerson. The school owes thanks to Mrs. Clara Wilkerson and Mr. Henry Robison, who furnished the music for the event. The leading characters are as follows: Maxine Wright as the leading lady, Maxwell Wright, as a gypsy and a lord, George Clay Clark as a typical Englishman; Ruth Stanton as a coquette; Mildred Wagonblast as an ideal gypsy mother, and Edson Miller as a lord and father. Loyd McDonald and James Woolery looked and acted their parts well. Evelyn Wall and Edward Teonor put on an ideal love scene. Randall Gottschall, Burnis Fredrick, and Glee Bottoeff are also mentioned as doing their parts well. The rest, including the chorus did well in their parts. The specialties between acts were enjoyed by all. These were given by Edson Miller, Floyd Powell, Catharine Shepherd, and Goldie Myers. The operetta was attended by a large and appreciative audience.

Last week in the school notes it was mentioned that five rats were coming for the hygiene class to watch and study. They arrived Wednesday and made their home in the laboratory.

Their names and the names of the foods they eat are pinned on the cage. They all have their regular cage food and then something else to eat and drink. The cage food consists of corn meal and salt. In addition to the cage food, Sucker eats candy, Puff and Buster drink milk, Carly drinks coffee, and Coke drinks coca-cola.

They are very queer animals to watch. When they drink or eat their food, they go into the bottle and drink. Some hang on the edge of the bottle with their hind feet and drink.

If the people who are interested in the rats will watch the papers they will see the comparison in weight. The pupils were certainly interested when they first came. They flocked outside the laboratory door as thick as they possibly could.

LIBRARY ETIQUETTE

(By a Librarian)

1—If you are talking to someone when you enter the library, do not stop as you may not have another chance to tell your friend of the good time you had at the dance or party.

2—When asking for a book say, "I want the book that I had this afternoon," and if the librarian doesn't understand signify by pointing to the shelves and say, "It is that red book over there."

3—If you give the librarian the author of the book, do not give the name, or visa versa; she should know what you mean.

4—When you want a book and can't think of the name of it tell the librarian what class you want it for. She should know all the books that each instructor uses in his classes.

5—If you need an extra pen or pencil, or some ink, ask the librarian at the desk. There is always a supply of necessities there and someone waiting to give them to you.

6—After you are through with reference books and magazines just leave them on the table. It is one of the librarian's duties to straighten up the tables before she leaves.

7—If you want a reserve book just take it and when you are fined say you didn't know the book wasn't to be taken out and maybe you won't have to pay the fine.

8—When you don't feel like looking up your bibliography in the Reader's Guide or Card Catalogue ask the librarian to do it. She has more time than you have.

9—Don't bother about whispering in the library. If you have anything to

say, talk so everyone can hear you. Then if you are asked to leave tattle on someone else in order to have somebody to sit on the steps with you.

10—Eat all the candy and chew all the gum you want while studying as it helps you to absorb knowledge. Be sure to leave the wrappers and papers on the tables so the janitor will earn his wages.

An old lady walked into the Judge's office. "Are you the judge of Reprobates?" she inquired.

"I am the judge of Probate," replied his honor with a smile.

"Well, that's it, I expect," answered the old lady. "You see," she went on confidentially, "my husband died detested and left several little infidels and I want to be their executioner."

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The Stroller

By 1111

Mr. Gordon Roach will sponsor the smokers alliance for the remainder of the quarter. He earned his position of trust and honor by virtue of his pronouncement to act as a mediator in the questions that arise and are so hotly contested. His pronouncements while undoubtedly of the highest authority and to the point are usually so technical that they are far beyond the grasp of the simple man of the street. We would suggest that he simplify his terms. The latest argument that bids fair to split the group into rival camps is: "If a bullet is fired straight up into the air, would its speed and destructive power in the descent be equal to that of the ascent? And if not, why not?"

Robert Thomas James will henceforth be numbered among those who have attained literary fame. Miss Bowman asked Bob where Milton took up the story of Paradise Lost. James answered, "Where Beelzebub and his angels get kicked out of heaven."

Miss Bowman: "Wouldn't it be better to say 'thrown out'?"

James: "Well, anyway he was ejected."

Two well saturated men were embracing the same telephone pole.

First man to second, "Do you know Bill Green?"

Second man, "What's his name?"

First man, "Who?"

Discovered the bravest man in the world: the man with the temerity to ask "Sheenie Wilson to go on a picture taking expedition."

Mr. O. D. Blucher

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would tend to restrict education to a small group whose lone qualification would be financial. The critic has portrayed vividly just how we have resisted this form of decay to which many of the schools of higher education have fallen victim. The democratic idealism to which this school owes its existence has been preserved, artificial criteria haven't been allowed to create financial handicaps for the persons who look upon the college as primarily a place to satisfy intellectual curiosity.

Unless this tendency to stress the superficialities is curbed we shall work a genuine hardship upon the person who has a willing and capable mind but no excess of this world's goods. It is to this group that most of us belong. In our desire to contribute to the advancement of our "Alma Mater" let us ever remember to keep first things, first.

Signed
O. D. Blucher.

MISSOURI THEATRE

Advance Booking from Feb. 8, Feb. 10
Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—Marie Prevost in "His Bride."

Thursday and Friday—"America" Pageant. Benefit Veteran's Association. 200 Maryville's best talent. Yello Orchestra and special pipe organ music. Pathe News.

Saturday—Ken Maynard and his famous horse "Tarzan" in "Overland Stage" Comedy "Hollywood's Hero."

Sunday and Monday—Milton Sills and Viola Dana in "Silent Lover" Comedy, "Then and Now."

Tuesday and Wednesday—Owen Moore and Joan Crawford in "Taxi Dancer" Comedy, "Newlyweds Night." Program for Tuesday, Feb. 15th.

5 acts of Bert Levey standard vaudeville. (1) The great Leffell—Shooting act. He shoots through a woman and bursts a target on the other side of her. (2) Ilmo and Marguerite—Singing, talking and whistling. (3) Hammond and Willis—Two men and a piano. (4) Howard Swart—Dealing out Webster. (5) Flying Millers—Sensational acrobats. Breath taking.

Thursday and Friday—Johnny Hines and Mary Brian in "Stepping Along."

ELECTRO THEATRE

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 9-10
Harold Lloyd in "The Kid Brother" Also an educational comedy "Bachelor's Babies."

Friday, Feb. 11—George O'Hara in "Timid Terror" Also Int. News and comedy.

Saturday, Feb. 12—Merian Cooper in "Grass" Also a Fox comedy "Mary Month of May."

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 14-15—Bert Lytell and Marion Nixon in "Sporting Life." Also comedy "Dare Devil Daisy."

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16-17
Ford Sterling and Lois Wilson in "The Show-off" Also educational comedy, "Cheap Skates."

Modern Justice

Jail Visitor—"What terrible crime has this man committed?"

Warden—"He didn't commit any crime at all; he was going down the street a few days ago and saw one man shoot another, and he is held as a material witness."

Visitor—"And where is the man who committed the murder?"

Warden—"Oh, he's out on bail."

Y. W. C. A. IN MEETING

The Y. W. C. A. meeting was opened by community singing, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and was followed by a short business meeting. The Devotional was led by Catherine Mills. Margaret Mills gave a piano solo and Opal Spahn and Alice Barr sang a duet. Mildred Sawyers and Mabel Albright gave a review of the book of Deuteronomy, or the second book of laws. Meeting was closed by the benediction.

Poultry Report For January Is Outstanding One

Under Mr. Withington's Oversight, Results Are Profitable From Both an Educational and a Financial Standpoint.

The Poultry Department of the College has been successful in its work, and the record of the past month, January, is deserving a special notice. Mr. Withington's pride in his work is justifiable. Under his careful oversight the work is profitable, educationally and financially. Everything is carried on with a view of promoting efficiency in the student who is interested in poultry as a profitable avocation as well as the scientific phase. The knowledge gained from this work is easily adapted to the person of average means without elaborate equipment.

There are at present one hundred and fifty-three high-quality Single Comb White Leghorn pullets in the flock. Mr. Withington has divided the flock into two groups. Seventy-five of the choice pullets have been placed with three pedigreed cockerels from the University of Missouri. The others have been mated with cockerels from Mr. Army's flock.

The following figures speak for themselves as to the success of the project. They are also the best argument for a balanced ration of feed. It is noticed as well that the item of labor is charged against the flock. It represents, not an estimate but an actual expense incurred for every minute of work.

Flock 153 White Leghorns, Single Comb.	
Mash feed in open hopper.	
100 lbs. Wheat Middlings	\$1.70
100 lbs. Corn Meal	1.07
100 lbs. Bran	1.40
100 lbs. Ground Oats	1.35
100 lbs. Tankage	4.10
2 lbs. Salt	.10
502 lbs. TOTAL	\$9.72
Scratch Feed.	
100 lbs. Cracked Corn	\$1.70
50 lbs. Oats	.68
50 lbs. Wheat	1.03
200 lbs. TOTAL	\$2.78
Total amount of mash feed consumed 420 pounds.	
Cost of mash consumed per pound .0194 cents.	
Cost of mash consumed	\$8.75
Scratch feeds consumed	558 lbs.
Scratch cost per pound .0139 cents.	
Cost of scratch feed consumed	\$7.75
Total Expenses.	
Mash	\$8.75
Scratch	7.75
100 lbs. Oystershell	1.00
Labor	20.00
Total	\$37.50
From the sale of eggs	\$80.60
Total Expenses	\$37.50
Profit	\$43.10
Average eggs per day for flock 106 plus.	
Average eggs per day per hen for month, 21.5.	

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"Hell and the Way Out", an educational moving picture of high quality, will be sponsored by the Social Science Club of the College and will be shown at the College at 8 o'clock, Thursday night. Although primarily filmed for entertainment, this picture is of an instructive and educational nature, and it comes to the College highly recommended. The theme of the story is woven around war and peace, and war pictures taken by both the United States and German governments are shown.

Animated maps, showing the spread of the war spirit and the peace movement over the face of the earth have been described as most dramatic.

Speaking of the picture, Dean James A. James of the Northwestern University Graduate School, has said:

"It is one of the greatest educational films ever produced. Any one who sees this picture learns more in a few minutes than he can otherwise learn in reading three books."

The picture should be of particular interest to educators and to persons interested in the possibilities of motion pictures as an aid to education.

The film has been revised within the last sixty days and comes to the College in its newest form.

High School Notes

McFall High School

The last home basketball game was played here Friday night with Maryville. The girls won, their score being McFall 24, Maryville 17. The boys lost their score being McFall 10, Maryville 26.

Both high schools are being represented in the finals at King City this week. The P. T. A. will meet Monday night, February 7.

Several of our students are making statistical reports of local prices to send to the Agricultural Dept. of the University of Missouri.

The new senior pennant of PURPLE and GOLD holds an honored place on the south wall of the study hall.

The Senior English class is taking up the study of "Burke's Speech on Conciliation." The Sophomores are studying "Ivanhoe," and the Freshmen are beginning the study of "The Lady of the Lake," both by Scott. The music class is studying the Theory of Music.

The American Problems class is taking up the study of Distribution.

The Freshmen of the Citizenship class are studying a new text, "Making a Living" by Lyon for Vocational Civics.

The Journalism class has just published their second copy of a four page paper called "The Purple and White Echo."

Hale High School

The boys' basketball team went to Brookfield Friday, January 28, where they met the high school team of that place. The Brookfield team played a good defensive game but were unable to keep the Hale boys from scoring. The game was well played and both teams were well pleased with the decision. The Hale team won by a double score of 17 to 35.

The Juniors are practicing for a play to be given sometime early in March, which is entitled, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs." They are working hard and progressing rapidly under Mr. Urquhart's coaching.

Osborne High School

The debating team has advanced another step in the Northwest Missouri League. Two weeks ago the affirmative team defeated Easton and last Tuesday the converse team fell before ours. The affirmative team is the same as last year, being composed of Lella Graeff and Susan Everett. Both girls are seniors.

Friday, February 4, the Junior Class presented their play "When Smith Stepped out" by Harry Osborne. The play was presented through special arrangements with T. S. Dennison & Co., of Chicago.

In order to determine the five students who will represent O. H. S. in the county spelling contest, the English classes are being given spelling three times a week. At the present the Juniors have the highest percentage.

The Seniors are at the present conducting an interesting experiment in Physiology. Five white rats have been secured and are being fed different foods. Each rat is fed a certain food for a week and then weighed and the weight is compared with that of the former week. Among the foods are corn meal, coconuts, coffee, milk, and candy.

Edgerton High School

Edgerton High School basketball team defeated Smithville girls' team on the Smithville court, January 21 by a score of 23 to 14.

Edgerton's coach this year is Francis Marie Clark. The Edgerton line-up was as follows: R. Denny, R. F. B. Baber, L. F. D. Burst, C. B. West, R. C. L. Cox, R. G. A. Harmer, L. G.

No substitutions were made for Edgerton any time during the game.

The 1926-27 basketball season for the girls has been a very successful one, in fact the most successful for several years.

Superintendent Vogelgesang's agriculture class has been making milk and cream tests the last week. A slight accident occurred in the laboratory, when the cream tester broke and threw acid on Claud Cannon.

Edgerton's boys basketball team opened their 1927 basketball season very successfully last week by defeating the Grayson High School five 14 to 11.

Mr. J. W. Elliott, who was captain of the William Jewell team two years ago is coach of the boys' team.

Edgerton's line-up for the Grayson game was: Baber, R. F.; Cannon, L. F.; Denny, C.; Hudman, L. G.; Watus, R. G. Substitutions: Graves and Smith.

The Modern History students report interesting study of the Revolution of 1848.

Professor Elliott says some very interesting laboratory work is being done in Physics. Students of Edgerton High School are very fortunate in having an extremely well equipped laboratory.

Miss Griffith's class in English Literature is studying Romantic Poetry; the last sixty days and comes to the College in its newest form.

studied. Several good stories have been written in English composition class. They show talent.

The Edgerton High School is publishing its first annual, the "Edgertonian." The staff plans to have it go to press about the first of April.

Mrs. Winnie Shaffer, who is director of Music in Edgerton High School, reports that the Edgerton High School Orchestra will appear on a program in Kansas City, February 21. The concert, which is given by the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs, assisted by the orchestra, will, probably be broadcast.

Mrs. Shaffer also reports one of the best orchestras that she has ever conducted for the high school here. There have been several new instruments added to the string and wood-wind sections. Mrs. Shaffer is contemplating entering the orchestra in the Northwest Missouri contest at Maryville in April.

Edgerton has succeeded in winning the cup in Class B Orchestra for the last three years.

Nishnabotna High School

The Sunday school which was recently organized in our school building is progressing nicely, and is gaining in attendance. There were 78 present last Sunday. We consider this a fine showing for the second meeting of the Sunday school.

Miss Mamie Stroud of Forest City spent last Thursday night with Della Wade.

The eighth grade pupils have been doing some work on Geography maps. We think that they desire credit for the quality of work that they are doing.

Mr. Uhlig is planning to take the boys' basketball team to St. Joseph tonight to see the game between the Hillyards and Kansas University.

Is basketball a desirable activity for high schools? Yes, we think that it is. We justify basketball on the

grounds that it has an educational value. This would bring into question the definition of education. Our definition of an education is: A group of well formed habits which will properly aid and direct our activities in handling the real problems of living. The question might be asked, "How could basketball in any way contribute to the formation of these habits?" Our answer is that basketball successfully handled requires co-operation, generalship, judgment, and physical development. Since we are competing with boys and girls who are our equals in every respect, it means that our very best efforts in most instances prove to be none too good. In conclusion we would say that since basketball requires our best efforts along the lines mentioned above, we consider our time spent with basketball far from wasted. We would apply the following rule to our activities: "Things that you do, do with your might. Things done by halves are never done right."

Civil Bend High School

Spring is again in the air and lads in athletic uniforms are seen on the school grounds at a certain hour of the day. We expect to develop a track team this year.

Miss Campbell, the Junior sponsor, informs us that that class is ready to announce their annual play. They will present "That's One on Bill," at the M. E. Church, Saturday night. They have been practicing faithfully and we expect a good production.

Last Tuesday afternoon a debate squad, composed of Olive Croy and Mildred Wilson, accompanied by Miss

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Croy and Mr. Redman, motored to Martinsville to engage with that school in debate. Civil Bend supported the affirmative. This was the second round in the Northwest Missouri League. Mr. Roberts, of Grishland College, Lamoni, Iowa, pronounced it as the closest and, perhaps, most interesting, debate he had ever witnessed. All the speakers deserve to be congratulated on the work presented. The speakers were so evenly matched that the judge announced that he was forced to decide on a minor technicality in which he believed the Martinsville team had a shade of the advantage. However he did credit a Civil Bend girl as first speaker. Civil Bend lost to a worthy foe and we wish them success in the next rounds. We are also grateful for the hospitality shown us by Professor and Mrs. Broadbent.

An observer might think that Civil Bend was becoming a modern "Hollywood." The Parent-Teacher's Association are busy producing a play to be presented February 11th. It will be a treat to see the patrons act.

We are sorry to lose some of our band. Mr. Bert West and family are moving to Texas. We wish them joy and prosperity in their new home.

We are wondering, did the groundhog see his shadow?

From 50 to 75 pupils a year receive scholarships from the Nicaraguan Governments for education in foreign countries, principally in the United States.

To assist freshman high-school students in their adjustment to new conditions, and thus to reduce mortality in the freshman year, weekly lectures on pertinent topics will be given by the city superintendent of schools to freshman students in the high school of Walla Walla, Wash.

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